

(i) the executive head of the child placement agency that has been awarded guardianship of the individual; and

(ii) the individual, if the individual is at least 10 years old.

(2) the executive head of the child placement agency may not withhold consent for the sole reason that the race OR RELIGION of the prospective adoptive parents is different from that of the individual to be adopted OR OF THE BIRTH PARENTS, WHERE TO DO SO WOULD BE CONTRARY TO THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD.

(c) In an adoption proceeding:

(1) except when preceded by a final decree of guardianship, the consent of a natural parent may be revoked at any time before a final decree of adoption or an interlocutory decree of adoption bars the right to revoke consent; and

(2) the consent of an individual to be adopted or of a person having guardianship may be revoked at any time before a final decree of adoption or an interlocutory decree of adoption bars the right to revoke consent.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1986.

Approved May 27, 1986.

CHAPTER 707

(House Bill 37)

AN ACT concerning

County Commissioners and Members of County Councils - Election

FOR the purpose of repealing the Constitutional requirement that county commissioners and members of county councils be elected on the general ticket of each county; allowing specifying that the General Assembly may provide by law whether the county commissioners and the members of the County Council in each county to be elected not governed by Article XI-A shall be elected by the voters of certain districts in each the county, or by the voters of the entire county, or by a combination of these methods of election; providing--that--the--legislative--action--for--selecting--the--method--for--the--election--of--the--county--commissioners--and--members--of--the--County--Council--is--subject--to--a--referendum--of--the--voters--in--each--county;--clarifying--that--a--certain